

CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL
by the people of God
gathered in the meeting house of
Shiloh United Church of Christ

Meditation

"Love and success, always in that order. It's that simple AND that difficult."

~ Fred Rogers

The Prelude to Christian Worship

"Hosanna to The Son of David" Martin

Welcome and Concerns

***Call to Worship**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: Open wide the gates of your hearts.

All: Let the Savior enter!

One: Let all creation shout!

All: Let us wave the palm branches high. Jesus is coming!

One: Shout with joy, all you people.

All: The Savior has come forth bringing peace. Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

***Invocation**

Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus who comes in God's Name! We stand at the gates of our Jerusalem and wave our branches high. We get caught up in the excitement of the parade. Jesus sits astride a donkey, a beast of burden, bearing a most precious gift. Let joy fill our hearts this day as we shout our Hosannas. Let us praise God for the wondrous ways in which our lives have been changed. Holy God, prepare our hearts to worship and celebrate this happy day!

Please do not sing the hymn, just follow along

Hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor (vs. 1 and 3)". No. 216

All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned your way; our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.
As you received their praises, receive our prayers today, whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway.
All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Call to Confession

Let us confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of stress.

Unison Prayer of Confession

We love parades! We love the excitement, the colors, the noise! Today we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. His followers have stripped branches from the trees and wave them in the air. The scene is wonderful. But there is a reality here. The reality is that although we wave our branches and shout "Hosanna!" we have not always behaved as disciples. Too often we have wandered from the path of Christ, and stumbled along on our own, believing our way to be superior. We have turned from those who needed help, because it wasn't convenient for us to be of service. We have done and said things that are not worthy of disciples. Yet, here we stand, in the parade route, waving our branches. Forgive us, O Lord. Help us to turn our lives around and truly serve you. Help us to really mean "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Let Jesus enter our hearts and transform our lives today, for we ask this in his holy name. Amen.

Extended prayerful silence.

Words of Assurance

“God’s steadfast love endures forever.” This is not just a phrase from Psalm 118. It is not merely an abstract concept, but a true and absolute reality and promise. There is nothing we can do to make God love us any less. The gate is open for all who are heartily sorry and believe. Rejoice and be glad, for you are forgiven!

Sharing the Blessing of Christ’s Peace *(Please wave to one another)*

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ’s Peace

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Hymn *“Mantos y Ramos (filled with excitement, vs. 1 and 2)” No. 214*

Filled with excitement, all the happy throng spread cloaks and branches on the city streets. There in the distance they begin to see, there on a donkey, comes the Savior, Christ.

Refrain

**From every corner a thousand voices sing
praise to the One who comes in the name of God.**

**Our acclamation breaks
Forth in shouts of praise, our triumphant song of joy:**

**Hosanna, Hosanna to Christ!
Hosanna, hosanna to Christ!**

As in that entrance to Jerusalem,
hosannas we will sing to Jesus Christ,
to our Redeemer who still calls today,
asks us to follow with our love and faith.

Refrain

Witness to Our Sacred Story

First Lesson: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Third Lesson: John 12:12-16

Sermon

“Jesus Christ, Superstar”

Hand bell Choir

“Bell Peal on Ellacombe”Lamb

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings before God

Invitation to the Offering

To be a Christian is to offer up not only our treasures and time, but our whole lives to God. These gifts are a sign of the offering of our whole selves to the service of God and each other.

***Offertory Response** "Doxology" No. 778

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self**

God of all true power and glory, we thank you that Jesus Christ came to Jerusalem not with a sword to challenge the power of this world, but with love, announcing the good news of your kingdom. Enable us to choose your ways, winning the victory over sin and death. Establish your righteous realm among us. Use our gifts and our lives to your glory, through Jesus, who comes in your name. Amen.

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Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (vs. 1 and 3)" No. 213

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast, The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

Hosanna in the highest! That ancient song is ours, we hail our great Redeemer and sing with all our powers:
Hosanna, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice. Hosanna! In your presence for ever we'll rejoice!

***Benediction** (Written by Jan L. Richardson)

Blessed is the one
who comes to us
by the way of love
poured out with abandon.

Blessed is the one
who walks toward us
by the way of grace
that holds us fast.

Blessed is the one
who calls us to follow
in the way of blessing,
in the path of joy. **Amen.**

The Postlude

"Ride On In Triumph, O King" Balcombe

- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jean and Maxine Guillard by their family.
- **THE PALM TREES AND CROWNS** are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of our grandchildren Madison, Jackson, Larson and Nolan by Norma and Charlie Hull.
- **LITURGIST:** Stephanie Berkheimer

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

*Maundy Thursday: April 1 at 7:00 p.m.

*Good Friday: April 2 at 12:00 p.m.

*Easter/Communion: Sunday, April 4 at 9:00 **and** 11:00 a.m.



*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here at Shiloh UCC, where God is still speaking"*

THIS WEEK



- SUN 9:15 **Palm Sunday**
- WED 9:30 Bible Study (100)
- 5:30 TOPS (100)
- THURS 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service
- 6:30 NA Group (100)
- FRI 12:00 Good Friday Service
- OFFICE CLOSED
- SUN 9:00 Easter Service & Communion
- 11:00 Easter Service & Communion

Attendance last Sunday: 78



OFFERING is continually being collected for our missionaries, **Sally Jane and Crosby Johnson**.

BULLETIN SPONSORS are needed. The cost is \$20 and may be placed in your regular offering envelope. Please call the church office **2 weeks prior** to your date to have your "Special" wording placed in the bulletin.



THE CHURCH STAFF

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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

Morning Prayer (*Peace Prayer of Saint Francis*)

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.*

Evening Prayer (*Serenity Prayer by Reinhold Neibuhr*)

*God, grant me the Serenity
To accept the things I cannot change...
Courage to change the things I can,
And Wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,
Not as I would have it.
Trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His will.
That I may be reasonably happy in this life,
And supremely happy with Him forever in the next.
Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Nancy Hamme, Helen Luckenbaugh, Stewart and Marie Wagner, Marguerite Lochman, Arlene Myers, Charlotte Rohrbaugh, Helen Byers, Mary Emma Elicker, Catherine Lochman, Vanessa Seifarth, Bev Kirk, Julene Bechtel, Jim Bentzel Sr. Phil Myers, Joanne Overmiller, Dottie Limbert, Donna Krone, Elva Winter, Mary Rodgers, Oscar Bupp, Bob and Margie Behler, Chuck and Sandy Baboian, Sandy Barnes, Staff and Residents at Providence Place, Audrey Gerber, Richard Gruver, Rosabel Bentzel, Donna Robertson

THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

The Harper Family, The Arnold Family, The Krout Family, The Harman Family, The Duttera Family, The Ellis Family, The Smith Family, The Steele Family, The Downs Family



Youth Fellowship will be selling **Hershey Park tickets**. The price for all tickets for ages 3+ is \$36.95 - a savings of 51% over regular price of \$75.80. The tickets will be good until Jan. 2, 2022. **The deadline to order and make the payment is Sunday, April 4.** Contact Carol Burns with any questions at 717-792-3796 or carolb2729@peoplepc.com.

Engaging Women will be meeting in the **sanctuary on Tuesday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m.** to hear Reen Bentzel's presentation entitled "Overcoming Powerless," regarding the traumatic incident that occurred at her school 20 years ago. There will also be a video entitled 'Forgiveness,' with a question and answer period following. Please see Sally Curren for information.



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